

What is claimed is:

1. A method of stimulating an immune response to increase HDL cholesterol in a mammal exhibiting low levels of serum HDL comprising administering to said mammal a composition comprising an immunogenic epitope of CETP.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is substantially purified CETP.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is a peptide.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein said composition contains a B cell epitope.
5. The method of claim 3, wherein said peptide is:
  - H-Cys-Asp-Ala-Gly-Ser-Val-Arg-Thr-Asn-Ala-Pro-Asp-OH
  - H-Cys-Asp-Ser-Gly-Arg-Val-Arg-Thr-Asp-Ala-Pro-Asp-OH
  - H-His-Leu-Leu-Val-Asp-Phe-Leu-Gln-Ser-Leu-Ser-OH.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises a carrier.
7. The method of claim 5, wherein said carrier is selected from the group consisting of KLH, ovalbumin and Diphtheria toxoid.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is administered with an adjuvant.

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